



Sierra National Forest Motorized Travel Management Update-June 26, 2009



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Dear Forest User:

Just a reminder that the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Motorized Travel Management on the Sierra National Forest will close on Wednesday, June 30, 2009. It is really important that you provide us with as much specific information as possible regarding the DEIS. Without specific information it is hard to respond to your concerns. For example, here is an example of a public comment that was provided to us:

“Alternatives in the DEIS show many routes omitted from maps. Please consider adding OHV routes to the system, not taking them away!”

The above comment does not specify which routes were omitted from the maps and which routes should be added to the system. Without specific information its hard to address this concern. Here are a few other helpful suggestions when preparing your comments:

- Please give us as much specific information on the routes that are of most concern to you. If a route **is or is not** proposed to be added to the designated system, at this time, state why this is a concern to you.
- Do you have concerns with the type of vehicles be proposed for use on a road or trail? State the specific road, trail or area and why the vehicle use should be changed.
- Do you have concerns with the season of use for roads and trails? If so, please tells us which roads or trails you are concerned with. Be as specific as possible and include route numbers or a location of the route.
- Solution oriented comments focused on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are most helpful.

Comments to the DEIS will be accepted electronically or by mail. Comments must be postmarked or received no later than June 30, 2009. To electronically send comments, please email them to sierra.route@fs.fed.us. Please include “Travel Management Comments” in the subject line. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc). Written comments can be mailed to: Sierra National Forest, Attn: Travel Management Project Leader, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611. Comments can also be hand delivered to the address above, weekdays between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm.

While comments may be submitted anytime during the analysis process, only those who submit timely comments or otherwise express interest during the comment period will have eligibility to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215.

We appreciate all of your efforts in helping us designate a system of roads, trails and areas for motorized travel in the Sierra National Forest. Thank You.